

Washington, D.C. – Today Congressman Charlie Wilson attended the Congressional Caucus on Coal's kickoff roundtable event. Today's event examined the economic impact of coal. Representatives from the mining, labor, railroads, utility, and iron and steel industries participated in the discussion, including:

- Hal Quinn – President & CEO, National Mining Association
- Bill Banig – Director of Governmental Affairs, United Mine Workers of America
- Ed Hamberger – President & CEO, Association of American Railroads
- Steve Miller – President & CEO, American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity
- Quin Shea – Executive Director, Environment, Edison Electric Institute
- Kevin Dempsey – Senior Vice President of Public Policy and General Counsel, American Iron and Steel Institute
- Jon Wood – Vice President of Government and External Affairs, Alpha Natural Resources

Wilson joined the Coal Caucus in January, the same month it was formed. Currently, the caucus has 80 members. After the meeting, Wilson released the following statement:

“In Ohio, 86 percent of our electricity comes from coal and the vast majority of that coal comes from Appalachian Ohio. Because coal is our most affordable and abundant energy resource, it must play a major role in our nation's transition to energy independence. I'm pleased to be a part of the new bipartisan Coal Caucus because I want to work together to find solutions that ensure clean coal is part of our nation's energy plan going forward.”

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